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SOTU Features President Veto...

Say-Anything, Veto-Everything President At It Again ***State of the Union Long on Rhetoric, Short on Answers***

- **Once again, Bill Clinton is the say-anything, veto-everything President:**
 - ▶ Bill Clinton has obstructed the real change Americans want. From the candidate of change in 1992, President Clinton has become the defender of a failed government status quo.
- **President Bill Clinton vetoed candidate Bill Clinton's campaign promises that the Republican Congress kept:**
 - ▶ Bill Clinton promised to balance the budget in five years during the 1992 presidential campaign. But when we balanced the budget in seven years, he vetoed it.
 - ▶ He promised to end welfare as we know it — a key Clinton campaign promise — but when we kept his promise, he vetoed it, twice, once in the dark of night!
 - ▶ He promised a tax cut for the middle class back in 1992. In 1995, when we delivered on tax relief for middle class families, he vetoed it.
- **Bill Clinton makes claims that just don't add up. For example:**
 - He claims to have cut the deficit in half.***
 - ▶ In fact, he's piled up \$800 billion more in debt since he took office, and he's only cut the deficit in half as a percentage of gross domestic product, not actual dollars.
 - ▶ His latest budget puts off the majority of discretionary spending cuts until the 21st century while actually RAISING taxes by \$60 billion.
 - He claims that the typical family's income increased in 1994.***
 - ▶ In fact, every year of Clinton's presidency, the income of the average American household has been lower than when he took office.
 - ▶ At the same time household income has plummeted under the President, the tax burden has increased. Clinton raised America's taxes in 1993, the largest tax increase in history, and now Americans are paying the highest percentage ever of their income in taxes in the peacetime history of the United States, 34.4 percent.

He claims he wants to change government for the better, continuing to shrink its size and reforming the political system:

- ▶ Two cabinet secretaries are currently being scrutinized for excessive travel and use of government funds for personal expenses.
- ▶ President Clinton vetoed a plan last year to cut a minimal amount out of government-wide spending for travel.
- ▶ The Democratic National Committee offered opportunities for big donors to spend time with high administration officials, including the President, in exchange for sizable donations to the party.
- ▶ Only the Republican-led Congress has changed Washington for the better, controlling gifts and slashing perks.

- **President Clinton offered no answers tonight on how to fight crime, confront the crisis in education, or preserve our environmental heritage, just more spending.**

- **Government is more than just making decisions about spending your tax money. It's about people, and policies to get America moving again:**

- ▶ We want an America where you can earn more, and keep more of what you earn.
- ▶ We want an America where localities are freer of crime, whose community isn't measured in the closing of Pennsylvania Avenue, but in the openness of our neighborhoods.
- ▶ We want an America where parents have responsibility, input, and control of what their children learn, where teachers are not dictators and parents the enemy.
- ▶ We want America respected again around the world, not because of the size of her checkbook, but because of the values and ideals she represents.

- **We will continue to work for change here in Washington, to cut taxes, rein in government, control regulation, and return more freedom and responsibility to individuals and states:**

- ▶ We remain committed to the common-sense mandate that put Republicans in charge of Congress for the first time in forty years.
- ▶ We will continue to fight to cut your taxes, save our elderly's Medicare, and welfare as we know it, and balance the budget. That's the responsibility and security America needs and wants.
- ▶ We invite the President to reject the status quo, and join us in a historic opportunity to change Washington, and America, for the better on the cusp of the twenty-first century.